

Puget Sound Partnership Leadership Council  
Meeting Summary  
Embassy Suites Hotel Seattle-Tacoma Airport  
15920 West Valley Highway  
Seattle, Washington  
November 11, 2008

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Members Present:

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| • Bill Ruckelshaus  | • Dan O'Neal     |
| • Martha Kongsgaard | • Steve Sakuma   |
| • Billy Frank, Jr.  | • Bill Wilkerson |
| • Diana Gale        |                  |

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*It is intended that this summary be used along with notebook materials provided for the meeting.  
A full recording of this meeting is retained by Puget Sound Partnership as the formal record.*

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Action Items:

- Approve July 23 & 24, 2008, Meeting Summary

Meeting Summary:

- Action Agenda: Review Draft
- Action Agenda: Funding Strategy
- Action Agenda: Science
- Action Agenda: Legislative Strategy

**9:00 a.m. CALL TO ORDER – Bill Ruckelshaus, Chair**

**COUNCIL MEMBER UPDATES/COMMENTS - Councilmembers**

Councilmembers provided comments on the work that has happened since the last meeting. They all complimented the staff on the work done on the report and are looking forward to signing off on the final report December 1.

**APPROVAL OF THE JULY 23 & 24 2008 MEETING SUMMARY**

Martha Kongsgaard **MOVED** approval of the July 23 and 24, 2008, Leadership Council meeting summary. Dan O'Neal **SECONDED**. Council **APPROVED** the July meeting summary as presented.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE**

David Dicks provided an update on what has happened with Puget Sound Partnership since the last meeting.

**ECB FEEDBACK**

ECB Member Steve Tharinger, provided comments for the ECB, Salmon Recovery Board (SRFB) and Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC).

He reported that the WSAC has created the Coastal Caucus to help coordinate their activities around the Sound.

He noted that the SRFB, through the Recreation and Conservation Office, has submitted a budget request for increasing funding for Lead Entity Coordinators. When the Partnership looks at ways to combine efforts to find efficiencies he would suggest looking at the Lead Entities. We don't want to set up a new system and these groups are doing a lot of the work already especially around the salmon issues.

He then reported on the ECB meeting comments. He urged the Leadership Council to prioritize the work needing to be done so that the various groups can have that guidance in implementation of the plan. There is value in developing ordinances listed under A.2.2 (implementing regulatory programs) but in the past this has been a contentious issue.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

*Chad Bowechop, Office of Marine Affairs, Makah Tribe* (provided written comment re: maritime, Makah and tug efforts in Neah Bay)

*Mayor Kordnowy and Joe Ryan, Salmon Recovery Council*, supports the Action Agenda and integration of the salmon recovery plan and will provide additional testimony on November 21.

*Thomas O'Keefe, White Water*, support in keeping an intact ecosystem, need to include rivers when discussing shoreline access, suggestion to include a near term action to address the legacy roads and trails to keep this going, and include Transfer Development Rights to the land conversion section.

*Fred Fellerman, Friends of the Earth*, provided comments on the need for more work on suggested indicators and suggested including an indicator of oil spills.

*Pete Granger, Washington Sea Grant Program*, asked the Council to include the Sea Grant program in the technical assistance work available.

*David McCrany, Washington Public Ports Association*, will provide additional written comments. Recognition the role of local government is vital. He is concerned with actions that the State might take that would take away from the ports being competitive internationally. Concern with making unnecessary restrictions on building in the water. Area on stormwater remains unclear would appreciate that being clearer. He noted the importance of allowing the ports to continue their work.

*Naki Stevens, Environmental Caucus*, the goal for bringing the Sound to health by 2020 encourages sticking with that vision and goal. Indicators and benchmarks are critical. The Environmental Caucus will provide written comment.

*Dennis McDonald, City of Shelton*, would like to congratulate the group in getting to this document. Talked about his work with the wastewater treatment facilities. Appreciates seeing the Shelton treatment plant on the list in section C.

*Jeff Sax, BIAW, King County Liaison*, provided written comments. His concern is on how to achieve affordable housing and not create additional fights between home building and those trying to protect the environment.

**ACTION AGENDA: SUMMARY – David Dicks, Martha Neuman, Chris Townsend, and Scott Redman** (See meeting materials for details.)

Diana heard confusion on how the actions were connected and sequenced and if that was clearer it might be helpful. Staff agrees with the need to provide a clear crosswalk between the actions and Action Areas.

Staff asked the Leadership Council to contact them if they had specific concerns on the priorities or other aspects of the report.

**ACTION AGENDA: Funding Strategy – Jim Cahill** (See meeting materials for details.)

**ACTION AGENDA: Science – Scott Redman and Joel Baker** (See meeting materials for details.)

*Indicators*

Some of the indicators do need more work such as the socio-economic indicators – we are making progress and provisional indicators should be of use – don't expect big changes in the final indicators from the provisional indicators.

*Benchmarks*

The Science Panel has had a lot of discussion on getting to benchmarks and have committed to setting benchmarks as quickly as possible.

*Biennial Science Work Plan (BSWP)*

This is a two-prong document; the first prong is how to get smarter by identifying what work needs to continue and what needs to be expanded and the second prong is to build capacity – the Partnership doesn't currently have the right infrastructure for getting the Action Agenda and Science work done.

**LEGISLATIVE STRATEGY – David Dicks**

We need to get the Action Agenda in place and need legislative changes identified. We will then take the legislative changes forward. He will talk more about the legislative strategy at the November 21 meeting.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

*Pat Pearson, WSU Jefferson County Extension*, was pleased to see they are listed in the Action Agenda. They are also involved in many other areas where they aren't listed. WSU will provide written comments.

*Jeff Hall, The Sustain, President*, was unable to stay until the comment period but will provide written comments.

*Fred Fellerman, Friends of the Earth*, noted the disparity that he sees between the BSWP and the Action Agenda. He doesn't believe the two documents go together in any credible fashion.

*Udi Lasimey, Cascade Land Conservancy*, will be submitting written comments but believes the Partnership should prioritize land use. He looks forward to working with the Partnership.

### **NEXT STEPS – David Dicks**

- Continue preparation for December 1
- November 21 Leadership Council Meeting – Edmonds
- November 18 and 19 Science Panel Meeting - Friday Harbor

**2:52 p.m. ADJOURN**

Leadership Council Approval

  
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Bill Ruckelshaus, Chair

  
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Date